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COMMENT OF
THE DAY

DEFENCE POLICY DEBATE

THE Conservative Government has won parliamentary approval for its defence policy based on the threat of nuclear retaliation against any possible Soviet aggression and the stationing of United States missiles in the country. Western defence policy has never been put more bluntly than that outlined by Mr. Duncan Sandys, the Defence Minister. Mr. Sandys has made it clear that if the Russians should attack in Europe, even only with conventional weapons, there would be immediate retaliation with nuclear weapons. This is the clearest notice ever served on the Kremlin against risking any such adventure against the West.

Not Upset

THE Defence Minister claims that the balance of military power has not been upset by the Soviet's remarkable achievements in outer space, and that the overall superiority of the West is likely to increase rather than diminish with the introduction of medium-range missiles. Mr. Sandys has said that it will be several years before the Soviet Union can complete the development of a really accurate intercontinental ballistic missile. Mr. Sandys is optimistic and has not been swayed by the dismay which swept the United States when the Russians launched their space satellites and it can only be assumed that the Minister has access to other information.

Services' Roles

THE roles of the three Services have now been fully explained. Some senior officers, particularly in the RAF do not see eye-to-eye with the Minister. Although they agree that missiles will eventually supersede bomber aircraft they contend that the day is a long way off.

The Navy is to have two distinct roles. In the Atlantic and in the Mediterranean it will operate within Nato with the object of meeting the big Russian submarine threat to Europe's lifeline. In the East there will be a "balanced, all-purpose fleet of appreciable strength" to fulfil commitments in the area.

Pay Increases

AND finally, the Minister has managed to persuade his colleagues that the only way to retain men in the Forces is to increase their pay and he now hopes that there will be enough recruits to halt the call-up after 1960.

The emphasis on the increasing preparedness of the Forces is possibly the most reassuring aspect of the whole of the White Paper. This cannot be taken as an aggressive policy — it is merely realistic.

The ultimate objective of the British Government is to have a strong hand in producing an understanding and a start to disengagement if "summit" talks take place. Thus a realistic policy makes sense.

In Your Saturday Mail

The weekend China Mail this week begins a new feature that no one interested in money should miss... the tale of men who had that extra something that carried them FROM RAGS TO RICHES—by John Cottrell;

★ THE FALL OF SHANGHAI—by John Luff;

★ BANK OF ENGLAND—by Hugh Dalton;

★ WHAT MAKES A SQUARE—by Johnny Dankworth;

And GILES, CUMMINGS, FRIELL and all your favourite cartoons, puzzles, pictures and features in 20 pages packed for your weekend pleasure.

TORIES WIN DEFENCE VOTE

Defeat For Labour Motion

London, Feb. 27. THE British Government's nuclear and general defence policy won the approval of the House of Commons tonight by 317 votes to 261 — a Government majority of 56.

The House of Commons rejected a critical Labour Opposition amendment by 318 votes to 263 — a majority of 55.

The Labour motion had urged the House to reject Government policy which it said "relies predominantly upon the threat of thermo-nuclear warfare."

Complained

This motion also complained that the Government insisted on installing strategic rocket bases in Britain before the projected East-West "summit"

Main theme of the two-day debate was a statement by Mr. Duncan Sandys, Minister of Defence, that if Russia launched a major attack, even with conventional forces only, the West would have to hit back with nuclear weapons.

Mr. John Strachey, a former War Secretary, winding up for the Opposition, said this meant suicide and the end of the world. It implied Britain would "start throwing H-bombs" at Russia at the very start — a policy the British people could not accept.

Maintained

But Mr. Christopher Seemes, Secretary for War, who presided over the debate, maintained that the Russians would not "chance their arm in a manner they consider will result in nuclear retaliation."

Differences in the Labour party on defence were highlighted by Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, a former Labour Defence Minister. He said the difference between Labour's official defence policy and that of the Government was "less acute" than the differences on defence in the Labour Party itself.

He said those Labour members who wanted to ban the hydrogen bomb had been defeated at the Party's annual conference.

Mr. Shinwell urged them to "accept your defeat in a democratic fashion."

He also attacked Labour's official spokesman who said the American missiles were not very good. He called this "nonsense."

US Missiles

Earlier Mr. George Ward, Secretary for Air, had defended the Government's decision to allow bases in Britain for American missiles.

He asked if anyone believed Russia would hesitate to use nuclear weapons if she found herself losing a war fought only with conventional weapons.

Mr. Geoffrey De Freitas, who resumed the debate today for Labour, complained that the Americans, by keeping control of the missile warheads, were saying the British could not be trusted with them. — Reuter.

Brighton Police Officers Guilty CHIEF CONSTABLE FREED

London, Feb. 27. Two of three Brighton senior police officers were found guilty on conspiracy charges after a long trial, which ended at the Old Bailey court here this evening. The third, Chief Constable of the Brighton force, 59-year-old Charles Ridge, was acquitted after a further hour's deliberation by the jury who had already taken four hours and a half to reach its verdict against the two other accused police

officers, Det-Insps. John Hammersley (40) and Det-Sgt. Trevor Heath (36). Thirty-six-year-old bookmaker, Samuel Bellson was also found guilty but bar licensee, Anthony Lyons, who was charged in the same conspiracy trial, was acquitted. Police Chief Ridge and bartender Lyons were released on bail as the prosecuting authorities reserved the right to proffer other charges. The month-old trial — one of the longest in the history of

the Old Bailey Criminal Court — revolved around series of prosecution allegations of bribery and corruption between the five defendants.

They had all pleaded not guilty to conspiring together and with others to obstruct the course of justice between January 1949 and October last year.

The sentences on those found guilty were postponed until tomorrow. — France-Presse and Reuter.

General Relieved Of Command For Exercising 'Poor Judgment'

Washington, Feb. 27. Air Force Chief of Staff General Thomas D. White today relieved his Commanding General in the Philippines area for "exercising poor judgment on various occasions."

ARMS PLANE FORCED TO LAND

Algiers, Feb. 28. French spokesmen announced late last night that a plane carrying cases of arms made a forced landing yesterday at an airport near the seaport of Bone in circumstances that are under investigation.

The type, destination and nationality of the aircraft were not announced. Bone is 54 miles west of the Tunisian frontier. Uncollected reports said that the plane was an unmarked American-built B-17 Flying Fortress and had been forced down by French fighter planes.

REBELS

A spokesman for the Office of the Minister for Algeria, Robert Lacoste, confirmed rumours last night that a plane had landed but said that first reports did not indicate that the arms were destined for the Algerian rebels.

The Air Force later announced that General Ackerman had been relieved of his command on the ground that he undermined morale by redecorating overtly four sets of living quarters on Luton.

WEST POINT

Ackerman is a 1932 West Point graduate. He has commanded Air Force planes in the Formosa, Philippines and other areas of South Asia. He was based at Clark Field, Manila.

Before becoming Commander of the 13th Air Force in August, 1956, he had served for three years as Vice Director of the top secret National Security Agency in Washington.

He is rated a command pilot, and had previously served since World War II as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations in Washington, Assistant Air Attaché at the American Embassy in London and Assistant Director of Air Force Intelligence in Washington.

He is Dr. Fredric Rybus, emeritus professor of surgery at Durham University.

The atmosphere of some cities produced the same effect on its citizens as if they all smoked 100 cigarettes a day, he declared.

BEYOND DOUBT

It was proved "beyond doubt" that benz-pyrene caused cancer.

It was present in smoke from burning coal in such large quantities as to account for 90 per cent of cancer.

Other causes, such as diesel and petrol fumes, cigarettes and garden fires added to the danger, but insignificantly in comparison, he said. — China Mail Special.

INVESTIGATORS

This was the way in which he was alleged to have exercised "poor judgment."

Investigators of the House Appropriations Committee had checked on General Ackerman's activities at Clark Field last autumn, and had reported that "although he spent no large sum of money" on his various quarters (two sets of temporary quarters and his final permanent quarters), his action had been "destructive of morale" and had been the source of much gossip in military circles.

The Air Force said it fully concurred with the committee's finding and that the manner in which General Ackerman carried out his projects could be construed to have been more for his personal prestige and aggrandisement than for the good of the service.

The General would be given an opportunity to explain his side of the case to the Chief of Staff when he returned to Washington, the Air Force said. — United Press and Reuter.

Demonstrators Fired On In Damascus

Cairo, Feb. 27. The Middle East News Agency reported from Damascus today that Iraqi police opened fire on pro-Nasser demonstrators in Bagdad today.

The report said that the Iraqi Government had deployed Army troops in the streets of the capital.

The Agency quoted reports reaching Damascus that a number of policemen and demonstrators had been wounded.

The demonstrators had cheered the new United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria and its President, Gamal Abdel Nasser, and condemned the Federation of Iraq and Jordan and the Egyptian Government. — United Press.

Miners Buried

Buenos Aires, Feb. 28. Several rescue teams were working to dig out eight workers who were buried today when a tunnel at a hydro-electric factory at El Concello collapsed. — France-Presse.

Tunisian Charge

United Nations, Feb. 27. Tunisia has charged tonight that France has forcibly evicted approximately 250,000 Algerians in order to create a no-man's land in the Tunisian frontier.

In a letter to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, the Tunisians said that between February 19 and 23 at least 1,000 refugees entered Tunisia in one province alone and "this exodus is increasing daily at all points on the Tunisian frontier." — United Press.

CRASH OF BOMBER DENIED

London, Feb. 27. Britain's Air Ministry tonight denied that a British or American aircraft had crashed in or near Britain while carrying a nuclear weapon.

He was commenting on a statement in the House of Commons tonight by Mr. Geoffrey De Freitas, a former Air Under-Secretary, who said he had been told that not long ago an aircraft carrying a nuclear weapon crashed in a field in East Anglia, England.

A spokesman of the United States Air Force in Britain said tonight he had no record of such an occurrence. — Reuter.

Human Torch

Salon, Feb. 27. Hoang Van Dep, 38-year-old merchant, committed suicide near Saigon's most fashionable shopping district by soaking his clothes with gasoline and setting fire to them.

The human torch died in the centre of a public street, near Rue Catina, the street of Saigon's luxury shops. He was despondent over a 5,000 piastre (about US\$140) debt on which his wife had been gaoled at the time of the Lunar New Year holiday. — United Press.

COMMUNIST PARTY TO DISSOLVE

Manila, Feb. 28. The Communist Party of the Philippines has decided on its dissolution and the mass surrender of its units. Leader Juan Lava is granted an audience by President Carlos Garcia, a surrendered ranking Communist leader, disclosed last night.

Pedro Cagui, formerly Southern Luzon Huk chief and leader of the Party's Poblano, in a radio interview, said that the Party reached this decision during a top-level meeting on March 20 last year.

Cagui surrendered about a year ago. He said he had already conferred with Garcia on the Party's surrender blue-print but declined to disclose further details. — France-Presse.

BITTEREST FIGHTING IN YEARS Algerian Spring Offensive In Full Swing

Algiers, Feb. 27. Over 400 Algerian insurgents and at least 20 French soldiers have been killed in the past day or two in some of the bitterest fighting since the Algerian uprising began over three years ago, it was reported here tonight.

Twenty French soldiers and 220 insurgents were killed near Duvivier, 30 miles south of Bone, Eastern Algeria, when an insurgent force alleged to have crossed the Tunisian border, was "all but exterminated," French sources said.

In another part, at the eastern end of the Namentchus mountains, 100 insurgents were killed. French casualties were not announced. Reports tonight said the battle was continuing.

Plane Down

In other clashes in eastern Algeria, insurgents losses totalled about 100, French sources said. In one battle, insurgents forced down a Piper Cub observation plane.

Quantities of machine guns, automatic rifles and pistols, some mortars and a rocket projector were reported to have been captured by the French.

There was hand to hand fighting in the battle south of Bone which raged all day yesterday and, earlier today, was reported still in progress.

Fierce Clashes

Fierce clashes in the Tunisian frontier area since the weekend have brought total French losses for February to an estimated 204 men killed. Insurgent losses for the month put at more than 1,500 killed.

According to reports reaching here, the French forces in Algeria are now up against insurgents better armed and better trained than ever before.

Insurgent strength is estimated at about 30,000 men, each with rifle or submachine gun, organized in battalions, companies and platoons. — Reuter.

REDSTONE MISSILE SENT UP

Cape Canaveral, Feb. 27. A Redstone missile — first stage of the Army's Jupiter-C satellite launching today, was fired successfully.

A new high energy fuel — the type used to launch the carrier which flung the Explorer satellite into space — powered today's Redstone flight.

The missile trailed a slender trail of flame as it roared into the sky through broken clouds.

Unfavourable weather conditions apparently were preventing the launching of another Navy Vanguard with a small test satellite. — United Press.

America's New Satellite

Washington, Feb. 27. The Air Force disclosed tonight that it plans shortly to try to launch a reconnaissance satellite weighing more than 1,300 pounds.

The proposed spy-in-the-sky, dubbed the Pled Piper, was discussed at the Air Force Association's annual jet-age conference by Maj.-Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, Air Force Missile Chief.

Earlier, the Assistant Air Force Secretary, Richard E. Horner, unveiled plans for a super Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile packing a warhead much bigger than a city-wrecking H-Bomb.

The new missile would fly farther and faster than 5,000-mile missiles now under development and would hit its target harder and with considerably more accuracy, Mr. Horner said.

HEAVIER

The reconnaissance satellite, being built by Lockheed Aircraft Corp., was described by General Schriever as "heavier than the combined weights" of all the earth satellites thus far orbited.

The two Russian Sputniks had a combined weight of 304 pounds. The US Army Explorer, now circling the earth, weighs 30.8 pounds.

General Schriever refused to tell newsmen when the Pled Piper would be launched except to say that its development was "well advanced." — United Press.

Prince Wan

London, Feb. 27. The Thai Foreign Secretary, Prince Wan, arrived in London from Geneva today on a four-day visit. — Reuter.

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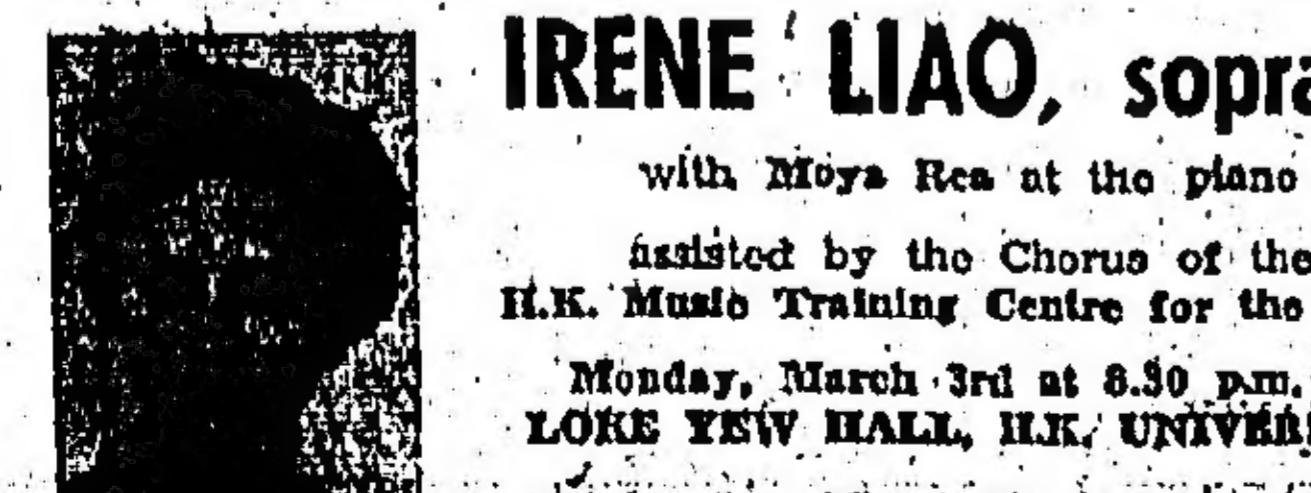
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"WE SHOULD MAKE OWN ATOMIC MATERIALS"

FRENCH NUCLEAR BOMB?

RESEARCH POLICY
FLAYED IN
ASSEMBLY DEBATE

Paris, Feb. 27. Jean Montalat, permanent rapporteur for atomic questions of the French National Assembly's Defence Commission, said today that France should make her own atomic materials.

M. Montalat, speaking in a National Assembly debate on the 1958 defence budget, said that if France exploded her own atomic weapon soon it would have to be with enriched uranium bought abroad.

Referring to reports that France could have six bombs by 1960 and 40 by 1963, M. Montalat said: "But we have very little Plutonium and no Uranium 235—a disastrous state of affairs, especially when we consider that Britain had nothing in 1946, and yet exploded her Montebello bomb in 1952."

"Yet we have spent in six years very much more than the £83 million which, according to Mr. Churchill, atomic research cost England."

M. Montalat added: "In such circumstances, why announce an early French atomic explosion? It would have to take place with Uranium bought abroad. That would mean nothing. What matters is that France should be able to make her own atomic materials."

Reuter.

Indonesia's
Denial

Djakarta, Feb. 27. An Indonesian Information Ministry spokesman has denied that an Indonesian gunboat recently disturbed shipping in Johore Straits, the Pita News Agency said today.

A Dutch steamer, the 250-ton Lebuan Hadji, was alleged that it was "harassed" by a gunboat in Malayan territorial waters on Tuesday.

According to Pita, the spokesman said no Indonesian warships were operating beyond their instructions to guard Indonesian sovereignty and combat smuggling and illegal barter.

—Reuters.

Grenade Flung
Into Restaurant

Djakarta, Feb. 27. Armed troops surrounded the Capitol Theatre restaurant in the heart of Djakarta tonight after discovery of what was reported to be an unexploded hand-grenade on a nearby terrace.

Witnesses later said the grenade landed with the pin pulled out, but there was no explosion.

They said the grenade may have been thrown from the street but no official statement was available from the investigators.—Reuters.

FRENCH FIGHTER PLANE
CRASHES IN TUNISIA

United Nations, Feb. 27. Tunisia informed the United Nations today that a French fighter plane crashed in Tunisian territory on Monday and killed a native labourer.

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GERM WARFARE
CHARGES
ARE RENEWED

China today renewed charges that the U.S. had used germ warfare during the Korean war.

The charges were repeated today by the New China News Agency as it reported the departure of U.S. lawyer Abraham Wirin from Peking for home.

Wirin, one of the first five US citizens to visit China with US State Department approval, arrived in China on January 6 with three American mothers who went to visit their imprisoned sons.

Wirin went to China to collect evidence for the defense in the sedition trial of John William Powell and his wife, who allegedly published material inciting the U.S. of germ warfare during the Korean conflict. Powell was editor in chief of the former Shanghai China Monthly Review at the time.

The trial is taking place in the U.S. district court of northern California in San Francisco.

Reporting on Wirin's activities since his arrival, the Agency said that the more than 40 people Wirin was allowed to meet told him that the reports of U.S. germ warfare during the Korean fighting were "entirely true."

The Agency said that all of those whom Wirin met were willing to serve as witnesses in the Powell case and to provide "abundant evidence" but could do so only if the U.S. agreed to sign an agreement on judicial assistance with China.

Until such an agreement was signed, the witnesses told Wirin, they were not supplying him with the "concrete material for evidence."—United Press.

The Aga Khan

London, Feb. 27. The Aga Khan left London by air tonight for Zurich. He said he would spend two days in Switzerland.—Reuters.

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"In connection with this incident the Tunisian government has registered a vigorous protest with the French Embassy at Tunis," the letter said.

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Call-Girl
Racket
Broken Up

Tokyo, Feb. 27. POLICE announced the arrest today of five proprietors and 10 girls for operating a call-girl racket in the guise of marriage consultation bureaus.

Investigation of a recent mushroom growth of "marriage consultation offices," they said, showed 17 out of 18 were fronts for brothel owners who turned to the call-girl business after the anti-prostitution law forced them out of business.—United Press.

Price War
Breaks
Out In
New York

New York, Feb. 27. A price war broke out here today and sent bargain-hunters round shops to snap up radios, electric toasters, coffee percolators and food mixers at up to 40 per cent below list prices.

The General Electric Company announced yesterday that retailers were no longer bound by a price-fixing agreement known as the "air price law." Their chief competitor Sunbeam Corporation, followed suit—and the war was on.

Clock radios were selling at US\$27.95, US\$12 cheaper, and coffee percolators at US\$14.95—four dollars cheaper.

Reports today said the price war was spreading to Chicago, Albany and Philadelphia.

China Mail Special.

Eisenhower

Washington, Feb. 27. President Eisenhower will make a nationally-television address to a dinner meeting of Republican Senators and Representatives on May 6, the White House announced to-night.—United Press.

China Mail Special.

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CABLE
BRIEFS

Washington, Feb. 27. Where is a radish not a garnish? asked a radish. Answer: In Poland, according to Rep. Thaddeus M. Macdowall (Democrat - Michigan), who reported that in his native country the name radish is applied to government officials who are not Communists at heart.

That is, he said, they are red on the surface but white all the way through.—United Press.

London, Feb. 27.

Mrs Phyllis Burgess received a divorce from her husband, Ronald, yesterday after testifying that for a major portion of their 11-year marriage he said "Goodbye" to her in the morning, "Hello" in the evening, and nothing else.—United Press.

Burlington, Feb. 27.

The marriage of Ruth and Charles Philpott has run a rough course.

Married in 1937, the couple were divorced in 1943. Re-married in 1946, they broke up again in 1948, then remarried again in 1949. Now Mrs Philpott has filed a new petition for divorce.—United Press.

Raleigh, Feb. 27.

A theatre owner near the campus of North Carolina State College got prompt results when he displayed a life-size cardboard figure of sultry French actress Brigitte Bardot. The figure disappeared the first night.—United Press.

Three Rivers, Feb. 27.

Police asked 11-year-old Thomas Kline yesterday how it happened that he rammed his bicycle into a moving automobile.

"You wouldn't believe this," Thomas told them, "but I fell asleep at the handlebars."—United Press.

DISARMAMENT DIPLOMAT

Washington, Feb. 27. Ambassador James J. Wedsworth has been appointed chief U.S. negotiator in any future talks with Russia on the "urgent" disarmament question, the State Department announced today.

Wedsworth, currently Deputy U.S. Representative at the United Nations, succeeds Harold E. Stassen, who recently stepped out to campaign for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in Pennsylvania.—United Press.

Attacked Police Barrier

Jerusalem, Feb. 27. The police arrested 20 demonstrators and had six men injured when members of the religious movement "Naturi Karla" rioted today in protest against the building of a mixed-bathing swimming pool.

After three hours of meetings, chanting and psalm readings in the "Voluntary Ghetto" near Shearin, a thousand demonstrators set off to parade the main streets of Jerusalem carrying banners.

They quickly ran into police barricades which they attacked furiously with their bare hands.

The police had to call in the fire brigade to damp down the crowd with their hoses.

Even then dispersal was slow and the demonstrators went away wildly calling the Israeli police "Nazis".—France-Press.

Police State Methods, Complains Bishop

Florence, Feb. 27. An attorney for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Prato today charged that "police state methods" were being used in prosecuting the Prelate for alleged defamations of an Italian couple who had been branded "public sinners" for failing to undergo a religious wedding.

THREAT TO BRITISH SHIPPING

London, Feb. 27. The British Chamber of Shipping in London passed a resolution today expressing "profound concern" at the threat caused by the rapid increase in the number of ships trading under the flags of Panama, Liberia, Honduras and Costa Rica.

The resolution at the Chamber's annual meeting in London pointed out that tonnage now reached more than 14,250,000 tons and called for the urgent setting up of arrangements under which British shipping could compete with "flags of convenience."

The public prosecutor conceded yesterday that the Bishop had "offended the reputation and honour" of the couple, but declared he acted in good faith, and recommended acquittal.

The defending lawyer declared today that "the Church can never accept the contention of a Catholic that a civil ceremony is enough for marriage and that the creation of this tie is within the competence of the state and not the Church."

A verdict is expected tomorrow.—France-Press.

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Civilians Evacuate Coastal Areas Rebels Prepare For Attack

Djakarta Assault Expected Soon By Revolutionaries

By ROBERT UDICK

Padang, Feb. 27. Officials of the Revolutionary Government prepared today for a Central Government attack that they felt would be launched "within days."

Civilians acquainted with World War II and post-war events, were moving their women and children away from coastal zones regarded as potential landing points. The military authorities were pleased that the movement was voluntary and said troops assigned to coastal defence would now have room to move in an emergency.

Most of the civilian side of the revolutionary government have moved to the mountains around Bukittinggi, according to the original plans, but the military appeared to be standing fast to defend the coast.

Lt.-Col. Hussein, Central Sumatra's military commander before he became chief of the Revolutionary Council, made a prominent tour of the Padang area today, apparently to counter reports from Djakarta that he had moved his family to Singapore.

A spokesman, commenting on reports from the Celebes, accused the Central Government of spending "millions of rupiahs" to sponsor a coup against Colonel Ventic Sumual's troops who held the long northern neck of land on Celebes on which Menado is situated.

He charged that the Central Government would make similar offers to a delegation from Atjeh in North Sumatra and declared that this effort by the Central Government would fail.

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TEAR GAS USED ON STUDENTS

Madras, Feb. 27. POLICE used tear gas today to disperse student demonstrators in Ernakulam, in Communist-run Kerala State.

The students, estimated at 3,000, picketed bus transportation and prevented buses from running on schedule. Police prevented

when the students clashed with workers.

The dispute started two days ago when students and bus workers started an argument which led to a brawl. The students decided to picket buses to support their demand that the government dismisses the workers involved in the argument.—United Press.

Bigger & Better Missiles Promised

Washington, Feb. 27. The Air Force promised the U.S. today new intercontinental ballistic missiles that will carry much larger warheads than the city-wrecking hydrogen weapons now planned.

Richard E. Horner, Assistant Air Force Secretary, told the annual Air Force Association Jet Age conference that the Air Force is "sure" a much-improved missile nose cone can be designed.

He said the new nose cone—he called it a "more sophisticated re-entry body"—will be able to carry larger warheads over greater distances than the present 5,000-mile missile range.

The weapon, he said, would plummet down on targets at "much higher speeds" than the 12,000 to 15,000 miles per hour of current long-range ballistic missiles.

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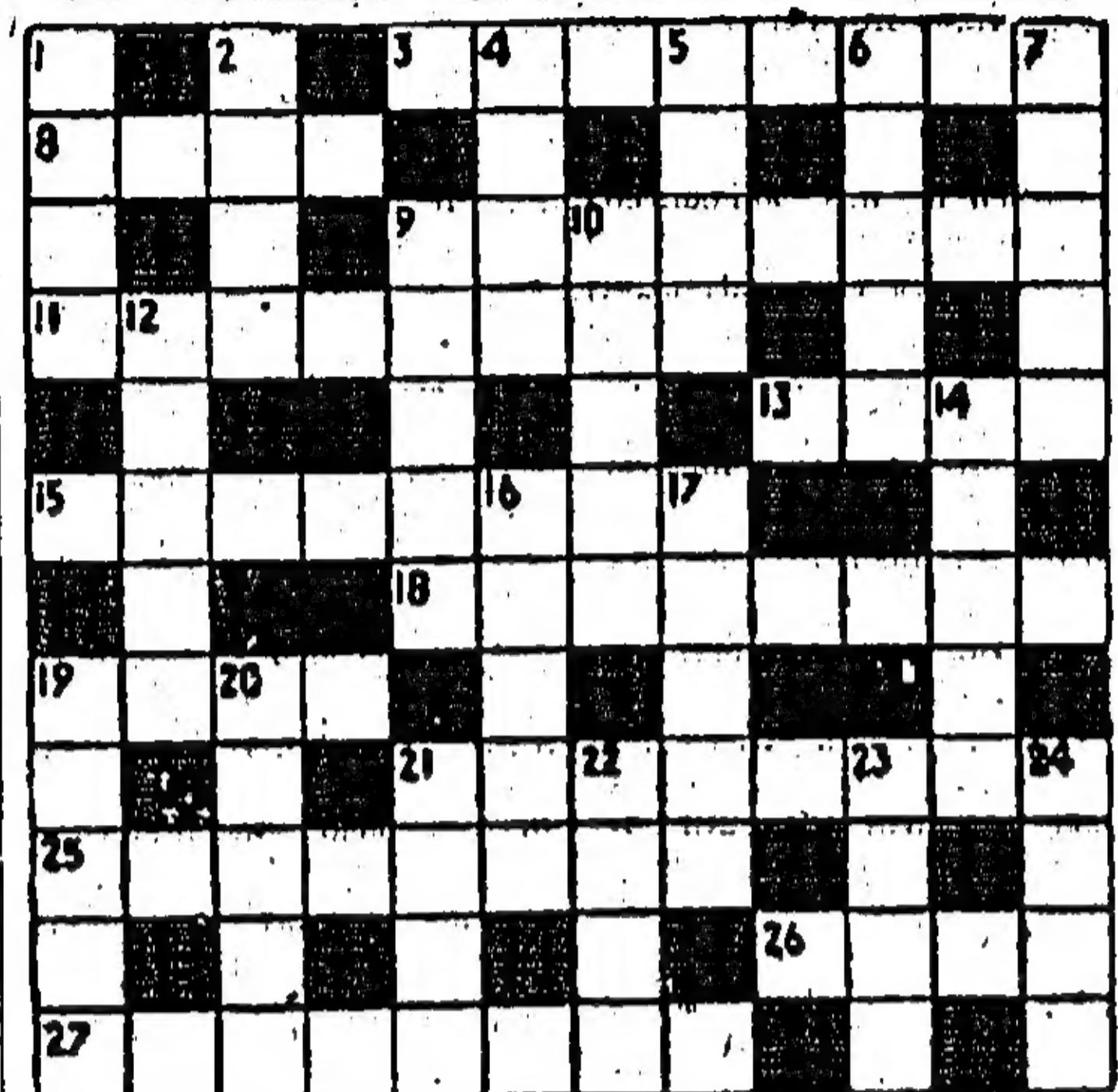
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Rare Fossils Stolen

New York, Feb. 27. A unidentified thief is returning 400 ancient fossils, some of them 40 million years old, which were stolen from his parked car last night.

The Professor, Herman Becker, said the plants had no resale value but were priceless scientific specimens. Some are very rare and others are entirely unknown, he said.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle

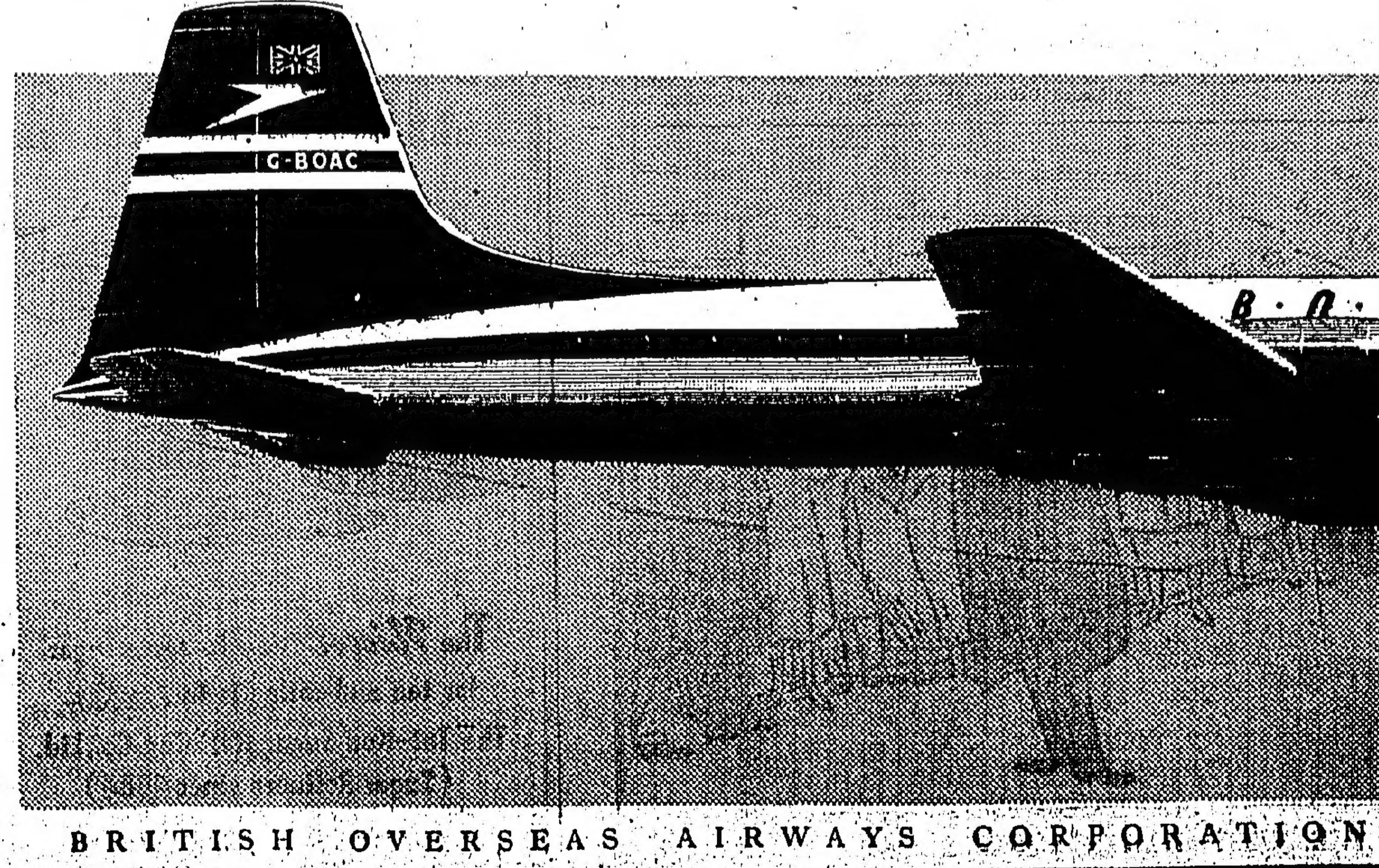


ACROSS

- 1 He's partly American (4).
- 2 Mark left (4).
- 3 Goldsmith's village was (8).
- 4 Say without doubt (4).
- 5 Beware March 15 (4).
- 6 Up to now (5).
- 7 All over (5).
- 8 Discourage (5).
- 9 Hank is woolly (5).
- 10 London suburb (5).
- 11 Another profit (5).
- 12 Another redskin (5).
- 13 What is it? (5).
- 14 Under an assumed name in short (5).
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- 16 Clutching mainly grating (5).
- 17 Pass over (4).
- 18 Old boy it means death (4).
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BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION

THE T.V. FEW

SOMETHING is happening in the vast organised industry of British entertainment. It may or may not prove significant but some of us are daring to hope. But perhaps my story should be put down in proper sequence.

You can imagine the surprise and shock to public taste when it was announced that Sadler's Wells was to present no less a revival than "The Merry Widow." Eyebrows were raised so high that it seemed they would never come down again. Here were State-supported singers and orchestral players descending to a musical comedy albeit a venerable one.

So the first night arrived and, wonder of wonders, there was a box office queue that nearly stopped the traffic. Everybody was telling everybody else of those wondrous far off days when the lovely Lily Dale and the one and only Joe Coyle played "The Widow" until it seemed that the run would never end.

Despite Misgivings

But who could possibly play the role today? The choice fell on Thomas Round, an ex-policeman, ex-airman and a very good chap with a fine tenor voice. He is a likable fellow and we wished him well despite our misgivings. And what a night it proved to be!

Instead of gazing like dopes at animated figures and listening to microphones voices on a television screen we were actually hearing the human voice and looking on real people as God created them. Nor was that all. Here were pretty girls and handsome young fellows performing for us and only us who were lucky enough to get tickets.

The critics who had gone to patronise fell under the spell, and one of them was actually seen applauding at the end. Incidentally it was in keeping that the orchestral conductor was a handsome young fellow in his twenties. In fact it was a night to remember.

Next day there was a long queue of people trying to book seats. Even now if you can get tickets for "The Merry Widow" you enjoy a prestige almost equal to the New Yorker who had tickets for "My Fair Lady."

It may seem an exaggeration but I am certain that in my constituency of Southgate which is a lovely borough with parks and artificial lakes left over from the spacious days of the past, we have more amateur theatre companies and even opera companies than another borough in England.

These young people meet for rehearsal for many weeks and then move on to Church Halls which has an excellent stage as well as dressing rooms where they perform plays and operas. Incidentally these activities often result in the young people meeting each other. It is still true that people marry whom they meet. One of these amateur societies is so courageous that it revived my play which was such a sensational flop at St James's Theatre in 1942.

John Osborne

These young people refuse to become prisoners of the television screen. But alas they are a tiny minority even in Southgate.

Sir Galahad

But to return to my main theme—the all conquering T.V. master is no longer without its hero. Sir Galahad has appeared on the scene, and he is none the less a gallant fellow whose name is Sidney Bernstein. You will be certain to hear a lot about him so let me in a paragraph or two introduce him to you.

Sidney Bernstein was a young man who made quite a bit of money by buying small suburban cinemas in the days when everyone went to films. His system of buying was as usual as it was successful. The owner would take him to the cinema in the morning and Bernstein would say: "But what a lovely theatre! And how well it is situated... it is a charming place."

Invariably the owner would raise the price in his own mind when suddenly Bernstein would offer him a sum so low that the poor fellow recoiled from the shock. Then they would haggle and eventually Bernstein would do the deal having got the theatre at a price lower than the owner ever contemplated.

In studying this curious trend in public taste one cannot leave out the overpowering impact of Bernstein studied it until Par-



THIS MAN was America's President four times. Now, 13 years after his death, he has grown greater in stature than ever before... even his old enemies admit he was a giant. His name has become a Democratic election weapon. And all because of a stage portrayal by THIS MAN

THE Ghost on Broadway

WILL IT SWING THIS
YEAR'S ELECTIONS?

DEAD President and a former President are exerting a strong and strange influence on this Congressional election year. In the Cort Theatre, off Broadway, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, America's war-time President, has come to life again in the person of Ralph Bellamy, the veteran actor.

The play *Sunrise at Campobello*, by Mr Dore Schary, is the story of four years in the life of the young Roosevelt from 1921 to 1924 in the family summer home of New Brunswick. It was here that the confident, handsome, sun-tanned, supercilious Roosevelt, then 39, was stricken with infantile paralysis.

He had been Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Vice-Presidential candidate. He had money, power, personality, and a famous name, and his eyes were on the White House.

Then came the crippling polio.

The play chronicles the years of his private ordeal, of his triumph over his affliction so that he was able to stand up on steel braces, shuffle to the plat-

form at Madison Square Garden and nominate Al Smith, "The Happy Warrior," for the Presidency.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

Every night at the Cort Theatre people sit hushed and reverent. They leave the theatre like a congregation leaving a church after hearing an inspired preacher.

The critics have already said about the play: "Moving, heroic, inspiring, poignant and tender, eloquent, heart-warming, exciting, tense."

What does Ralph Bellamy, the man who re-creates Roosevelt say? None of the glowing words the critics have used. He sits in his dressing-room face lined, eyes bright, and chats easily. "I've played cowboys, I've been bounced off horses and knocked off roofs. I've been slugged and shot and given the hot-foot but this role of F.D.R. is the toughest yet."

Bellamy's performance has been called "magnificent," and he is pleased with his triumph, but also puzzled.

"Here I am playing a man millions of people believe was pretty near a saint. Maybe it's too soon to get a proper perspective. Anyway, how do you play him? How does a man go about playing a man like F.D.R.?"

Bellamy pauses and frowns.

"The problem, as I see it, is to suggest the man, not to impersonate him. Impersonation is a night-club trick."

So there is no impersonation, although Bellamy thrusts his



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chin out in the Roosevelt manner, juts his cigarette-holder, and uses the high-pitched voice of Groton and Harvard, which was the voice of Roosevelt.

Bellamy studied Schary's script for months and consulted with Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt, the President's widow, for weeks before the play went into production.

Although Eleanor Roosevelt approved the script, there are some false lines. Her children say: "My mother and father never said 'I love you' in front of other people."

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But that is unimportant—certainly unimportant politically—and *Sunrise at Campobello* has become almost a campaign document for the Democrats this election year.

Bellamy says: "Remember when Roosevelt made that awful speech in 1932 and said to a disheartened country 'In the gloom of the greatest depression in our history... the 5,000,000 unemployed as the result of the Republicans' policies.'

Leading Senators Lyndon Johnson, Hubert Humphrey, and Jack Kennedy have joined in the chorus of complaint. And the Presidential aspirants are stepping forward.

"They came out of their own heart and his own life."

Waiting

TODAY Americans wait for similar words. There are the Russian advances in science and there is the recession.

But whether they have President's election is doubtful. Certainly they are not even sure of Roosevelt's policies, although he has embraced his policies, and occasionally opened his mannerisms.

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TOMORROW'S CHANCES AT THE VALLEY



DESMOND HACKETT'S COLUMN

Bravo, Taylor—And Shame On 'Star-Grab' Sunderland

Ernie Taylor, the pocket-sized inside forward genius with the outsized heart, did the splendid traditions of soccer a great service when he signed for Manchester United.

Taylor had for some time quietly expressed a wish to depart from his employment with Blackpool.

Naturally, a chap with such references as those from Stanley Matthews, "probably" the greatest inside forward I have ever played with—had clubs seeking his services.

The most incident were Manchester United and Sunderland.

Taylor, although whistful to be back in the North-East, immediately decided: "If Manchester United think I could help, I'll be happy to sign for them."

And, without even mentioning the highly desirable residences fit for soccer heroes to dwell in, he joined Manchester United.

What an excellent example to the football youth of this country who appear to look upon their chosen trade as a slight addition to the lucrative, richly silvered sidelines which go to those players whose names make news.

While appreciatively applauding Taylor, it is difficult to raise even a cheer for Sunderland.

I wonder what their fans thought of them staying in the market in competition with stricken Manchester United.

I for one cannot regard this star-grabbing club in a kindly light.

Anyhow, good football fortune to you Ernie Taylor.

You won a Cup winner's medal with Newcastle United. You won a Cup winner's medal with Blackpool.

Now I fervently hope you win another with Manchester United this season.

You certainly could not have won one with Sunderland.

Bleating

Maybe it was something I ate. I also feel distinctly grouchy over the behaviour of another North-Eastern soccer outfit—the amateur organisation known as West Auckland.

It was West Auckland who were heard to bleat that they were robbed because it was found Wokingham had unwittingly played on ineligible player.

They demanded that they should be given the match they lost 4-2, or that the game should be replayed through West Auckland's turntables.

Come to think of it, I find little to approve in the conduct of the Football Association—a situation which officials may regard as not being entirely original so far as I am concerned.

They hauled up Wokingham for playing this ineligible player. Quite rightly so.

They then agreed that Wokingham were duped and absolved them from any taint of foul intent.

Then blow me down, what did they do but have Wokingham turn out their pockets.

They ordered them to pay all the gate money from their last Cup tie into the FA Benevolent Fund.

They barred them from any share of the rather handsome Amateur Cup pool after the series has been decided.

They made them pay the cost of the inquiry.

Naughty

I went quite pale thinking what would have happened had the FA found that Wokingham had even the vaguest idea they were being rather naughty.

And don't you amateurs come crowding in to say that Hackett should keep to his own hired men of the Football League.

You ask those jolly good amateurs of the Royal Regiment of Artillery who led the team to victory when we won the New York Yankees today when he signed his 1958 contract for an estimated US\$75,000.

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Stage Is Set For The Annual Race Meeting

The stage is all set for the Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, which starts at noon tomorrow, continuing on Wednesday, March 5, and Saturday, March 8. There are 10 events each day and the tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.). The fifth race begins at 3.00 p.m. The fine weather of the past few days has rendered the grass track fairly hard, and, if this can be maintained, we may confidently expect to witness keen racing.

The day's programme consists of 10 events, most interesting of which will be the three sections of the Hopeful Stakes. These events will serve to introduce the new Australian subscription ponies to the public.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Encouragement Handicap: From 1 1/4 Miles Post.

The curtain rises with this sprint event for Class 9 ponies. Comet (M. Samarcen) is in the pink of condition and the short sprint may just suit it. Caravale (P. Plumby) and Matador (C. Renfrew) are reputed flyers expected to jump out for leadership right from the start. Cornhill (Chun Kit) is not to be underrated over this distance and should find firm support from the public. For an outsider I

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THIRD RACE

Eastern Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

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FIRST POLICE BOXING TOURNAMENT

Canada Favoured To Retain World Ice Hockey Championship Title

Oslo, Feb. 27. Canada, represented by the Whitby Dunlops team, are favourites to regain the World Ice Hockey Championship in the 10-day contest which begins here tomorrow.

Canada, who last won the world title in 1955, did not compete in the 1957 tournament in Moscow. They have shown devastating form in warm-up games in Europe in recent weeks, including a 13-0 win over Sweden, the reigning World Champions, a 5-0 victory over Norway, and a 9-2 triumph against the United States World Championship team.

Main Rivals

Their main rivals for the title are likely to be the Soviet Union, who won the World Championship at their first attempt in 1954 and took both the world and Olympic titles in 1956.

The Russians play Canada in the last game of the Cham-

ionship on March 9. Some observers here feel that the Soviet rhythm and precision moves gained them an 11-3 win over Norway this week—may be upset by the more thrustful Canadians.

The United States and Sweden appear the strongest challengers among the other countries. Finland, Poland, Norway, and Czechoslovakia complete the entries.

About 15,000 spectators from many parts of the world will see King Olav of Norway officially open the Championship tomorrow evening in the presence of members of the Cabinet and Storting (Parliament) at the open-air Jordal rink—China Mail Special.

Sports Diary TOMORROW

Cricket

Div. 1—INC v CCC; Navy v Army

South: Optimists v Scorpions; Army

North v Police; RAF v KCC.

Div. 2—Duckyard v KGV;

Hornets v DBS; Army North v Army

South.

Rugby

Police v Royal Navy (Army B.R.)

4.30 p.m.; R.A.F. v Army (Army B.R.)

4.30 p.m.; R.A.F. "D" v 1 Royal Tanks

(Kai Tak) 3.30 p.m.

Hockey

Ladies' League—Recr. "B" v

Victorians (H.V.) 2.30 p.m.

Cup Match—Gremlins v Steele

"A" (Recr.) 2.30 p.m.

Soccer

Senior Shield—Sling Tao v KMB

(B.S.) 4 p.m.; Junior Shield—Gymnastics South

China v AFB/Army (B.S.) 3 p.m.

Div. 3—CMB v Mercantile (C.H.)

4 p.m.; RBL v Wayfong (C.H.)

Athletics

Annual Athletics of KGV School

Mission Road Kln 2 p.m.

Annual University of HK Sports

Postgraduate 2 p.m.

Racing

Ninth Annual Race Meeting

Happy Valley (First Day), noon.

Sporting History Made At Southorn Playground

By Our Boxing Reporter

Sporting history was made at the Southorn Playground last night when the Boxing Section of the Hongkong Police Sports Association held a tournament for novices.

This is the first show of this kind sponsored by the Police since 1938 . . . and I understand that it is the first time that Chinese members of the force have taken part.

The organisers and the participants can be congratulated on a grand first outing. It is true that there was a surprise show, but if anyone has ever doubted the fitness of the younger policemen then they should have been at the ringside for this event.

Fitness was really the keynote. Keenness and downright courage came close behind. The contestants who ducked through the ropes were raw novices in the very best sense of the word. Many of them had never been in a ring before in their lives . . . and others were facing a crowd for the first time.

Boxing Land

Punches that could not be found in the best text books there were in abundance. Sometimes, too, a boxer would respond to the cheering of his departmental colleagues by leaping into the unorthodox . . . but if anyone has ever seen a sophisticatedistic fighter, but if anyone has ever doubted the fitness of the younger policemen then they should have been at the ringside for this event.

The highlight of the evening was an excellent display of the rights and wrongs of boxing by Staff Sergeant Instructor G. S. Mann and Sergeant Instructor T. Maddon of the Army Physical Training Corps.

Mann was the 'bad man' of the act and his generously exaggerated demonstration of every conceivable trick-of-the-trade against his rule-respecting opponent provided the spectators with a most entertaining and educational half an hour.

The display could not have been better timed and it must have given the young Police boxers plenty to think about.

It was good too to see the novices' bouts were

thoughtfully handled by Major G. W. P. Hoddin— who also provided a most interesting commentary during the Black and White demonstration—and CPO T. McLaughlin of the Royal Navy.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 14th day of March, 1958, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1957, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 28th day of February to 14th day of March, 1958, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 10th Jan., 1958.

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THE HONGKONG
ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd. will be held at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 12th March, 1958, at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 2nd floor, Hong Kong.

1. To receive the Directors' Report and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1957.

2. To confirm the Interim Dividend of 10 cents per share and Bonus of 10 cents per share.

3. To sanction the recommendation of the Directors as to the payment of a Final Dividend of 20 cents per share and Bonus of 10 cents per share, and

4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st March to 12th March, 1958, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
ERNEST SAHMET
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1958.

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Franco Offers Medal To Decoy Girl In 1936 Plot



THE PICTURES THAT SPAN 20 YEARS OF HISTORY
TO BRING BACK AN ECHO OF THE PAST

By GEOFFREY LAKE

London. THE cloak-and-dagger plot laid in London to smuggle General Franco into Spain on the eve of the Civil War re-echoed here last week—after 22 years.

For it became known that the Generalissimo is handing out medals to the Britons involved in the conspiracy. And some of them are none too anxious to accept.

'Let past stay dead'

Captain Charles Bebb, of Carshalton, Surrey, the pilot who flew Franco from virtual exile in the Canary Islands to Spanish Morocco in July, 1936, has already been to Spain to collect the Order of Civil Merit.

But Mrs Diana Smythies, who sat behind him on that flight from Croydon Airport, would rather let the past stay dead. A report from Madrid about Captain Bebb's award led me to Mrs Smythies.

Tropical fish

Russian Concern Over Caviar Supplies

Moscow, Feb. 27. The Soviet Union is running into difficulties with its three most famous food delicacies—caviar, smoked salmon and canned crab.

Trouble for the caviar comes from the Caspian Sea, the most prolific playground of the sturgeon, the royal fish, whose eggs deck the palates of gourmets the world over.

The Caspian is drying up. Too much of the waters of the Volga, the Ural and other rivers which used to feed the Caspian have been retained by huge dams and now flow into irrigation projects.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

MARKET HAS MILD BOOM

NEW YORK RUBBER MARKET

Now York, Feb. 27. New rubber futures today closed 25 to 34 points lower with sales of 69 contracts.

March 26.40
May 26.75
July 26.15
Sept. 26.03
Nov. 26.02
Jan. 26.05
Mar. 26.05

Standard contract closed 25 to 33 points lower with no sales reported.

March 26.40
May 26.35
July 26.03
Sept. 26.05
Nov. 26.02
Jan. 26.05
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Prices eased in quiet dealings while traders awaited further Indonesian political developments or a more convincing pick-up in domestic consumer buying interest.

Dealers were on both sides of the market in a small way. Some selling here was presumed to be on arbitrage operations against London purchases.

In the shipment market business remained light with offerings still too high to interest local buyers. However, in the deliveries market locally some 400 ft. for sheets were done at 24½ cents and March five sheets at 22½ cents a pound.

Further out, number one sheets for Oct./Dec. delivery were quoted at 26½ cents with sellers holding ¼ cent higher. Spot No. 1 Raa was quoted at 26½ cents.

SINGAPORE

With slight improvement in overseas markets and some reported Russian enquiry in London, the market opened higher and ruled quiet throughout the morning, and after the market steadied slightly on some reported China advices.

Further hedge selling and some Federation liquidation caused the market to ease back to last night's final levels.

Futures: No. 1 rubber per lb. Mar. 7814-7815
Apr. 7814-7815
No. 2 rubber per lb. Mar. 7824-7825
Apr. 7824-7825
No. 4 68-69
Spot rubber unboxed 7814-7815
Blanket crepe 68-69
No. 1 pale crepe 5114-5131

LONDON

The rubber market was very quiet with spot quoted at 22½ pence per lb. Prices: 22½ pence per lb. Settlement house term: 22½ pence per lb. April 23-24; May 23-24; June 23-24; July/Sept. 23-24; Oct./Dec. 23-24; General market basis, 23-24; April and May 23-24; Estate crop thin March 23; thick March 23

AMSTERDAM

The rubber market was dull. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, off March as follows: No. 1 rubber 2.20 nom.; No. 2 rubber 2.14 nom.; No. 3 rubber 2.06 nom.; No. 1 crepe 3.35 nom. —United Press.

New York Metal Futures

New York, Feb. 27. Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows: Lead March 11.20; Zinc March 10.20; Copper March 20.00; Tin March 10.75; —United Press.

London Metal Prices

London, Feb. 27. Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows: Tin spot 720/-; 3-month 7331/-; Copper spot 10214/-; 3-month 10214/-; Lead, 2nd half Feb. 7314/-; May 7314/-; Zinc, 2nd half Feb. 6114/-; May 6214/-; —United Press.

NAMESAKES

Answers: — 1. Joyful, 2. Laughter, 3. Comedy, 4. Voices, 5. Waters, 6. Royalty, 7. Entertainer, 8. Cockney, 9. Police, 10. Garrison, 11. Warman.

Hotels Start Chain Reaction

TURNOVER UP TO \$5M

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange this week experienced a mild boom which, if sustained, may be the turning point for the market.

At present it is still too early to say whether the market will continue its upward trend, which is very encouraging in view of the depressed state of the market during the past year.

Around this time last year, when companies were declaring dividends, the market shot up, but the rise was not sustained and the market fell back, and became dull and featureless for the rest of the year.

The renewed interest in the market began on Monday when the announcement of the 100 per cent increase in Hotels' distribution this year had its effect on the market.

Utilities were generally in good demand with Yamamata and China Lights showing most improvement.

China Providents and Docks were bright spots, especially the latter, which were marked up sharply to \$55.50 on the closing day, a gain of \$4.

Elsewhere enquiry was on a lighter scale and the market closed steady and firm.

Market Diary

Here is a market diary of the week:

Friday: Dull and featureless. T/O: \$400,000.

Monday: Utilities inclined T/O: to be a shade off. T/O: \$978,000.

Tuesday: Fairly heavy selling pressure. T/O: \$1,030,000.

Wednesday: Prices tending to harden. T/O: \$765,000.

Thursday: Sustained buying pressure. T/O: \$1,370,000.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$128,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares Buyers Sellers Sales

SHANKS HK Bank XD 810 820

SHIPPING Waterboat 20.60
Wheeler 6.25 6.50 3770 @ 2.30

DOCKS, ETC. K. Wharf 120
Providence 64 65.60

(O) 12.70 12.60 100 @ 12.00
(N) 11.60 11.00 300 @ 11.00

LAND, ETC. EDX Hotel 16.30 16.45 500 @ 16.40

HK Land 32.25 32.75 200 @ 32.50

Humphreys XD 14.90 15.20

Realty 1.35 1.40

RUBBER Amalg. 1.22 1.25 3000 @ 1.25

UTILITIES 24.40 24.00 1000 @ 24.50

Star Ferry XD 98.50 121

Yamamata 98.50 101

(O) 17.50 17.70 1120 @ 17.50

Electric XD 21.40 21.20 2700 500 @ 21.50

INDUSTRIALS Amalg. Can 37.75

Dairy 15.10 17.20

Watson 11.00 12.00

3-month 11.70

Textiles 4.00 4.05 6000 @ 4.05

Nanyang 1.40 1.45 1000 @ 1.45

INTERCABLE 10.50 10.50

Vibro 10.50

INVESTMENTS 1.00

HK & J.I.L. 1.00

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market yesterday as follows: 100 U.S. dollars 12.50; sterling notes (per £1) 10.25; Australian notes (per £1) 12.50; Canadian notes (per £1) 12.50; New Zealand notes (per £1) 12.50; South African notes (per £1) 12.50; Indian rupees (per £1) 12.50; Pakistan notes (per £1) 12.50; Others unchanged.—United Press.

Hotel shares were first to show an following the announcement of a 100 per cent increase in distribution to shareholders for the year 1957.

Having overcome this shake-out, buyers dominated the market throughout the remainder of the week with prices advancing on a wide front.

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★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Jan. 30	Feb. 6	Feb. 13	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Up or Down
HS Bank	8121/4	8185	833	833	810xd	steady
Lombard	325	33	331/2	331/2	—50	steady
Union	738	70	69b	71	701/2	steady
Wheeler	6.70	6.35xd	6.25	6.30	6.30	steady
HR Wharf	120m	120	118	119m	121m	+52
HR Docks	49	50	511/2	511/2b	551/2	+50
Provident	12	12.40	12.20b	12.30b	12.20	+10
HR Hotels	16.60	16.30	16.60	16.50	16.30	+1.70
HR Lands	33	34	34	34m	331/2	-150
HR Reality	1.35	1.355	1.35b	1.35b	1.375	+21/2%
HR Trans	23.80	23.85	24.00	24.00	24.00	steady
Star Ferry	124m	1241/2m	124	125	125	+50
Yamamata	980	974	972	101	98.50	-50
Ch Lights	16.80	17.40	17.20	17.50	17.50	+400
Electrics	20.80	20.60	20.20	20.50	20.20	-200
HR Telephone	26.50	27.20	27.30	27.40	27.50	+100
G.I. Cement	28	28.50	28.10s	28.60	28.60	+100
Dairy Farm	16.10	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	+600
A.S. Watson	12.20b	12.30	12.10	12b	12.10s	+100
Vangtze	5.50	5.45b	5.50m	5.50m	5.50m	steady
Allied	3.675n	3.70	3.675	3.66b	3.675	+71/2%
HR & FE Inv.	10n	10m	10m	9.80b	9.80	steady
Textile Corp	4.575n	4.50b	4.50b	4.45	4.45	+100
Nanyang	8.40	8.60	8.50b	8.55b	8.90	+350

The New York Stock Market

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MARKET

London, Feb. 27.

The market was steady today with a turnover of 7,787 bargains. But it was still too small to suggest a strong upward trend.

Chief stimulus came from the earnings reports of the Peninsular and Oriental and of Alfred Herbert, leading makers of machine tools, and of Hoover.

Shares of the first two jumped 4/4 and enjoyed even then a firm demand.

But in the main the leading industrials were unchanged except a few cases, up 6d. or off a shilling. Rolls-Royce gained 6d. a shilling. Imperial Chemicals 6d.

Rolls were firm with Royal Dutch up 5/- (though Shell was unchanged) and the others were up 1/- shilling or 1/6.

Germans were pressed for sale today—presumably in attempts to take profits—with Dawes Loan down 21/2 and the Young Loan 22 for the non-assented and 21 for the assented. Japanese were again idle and unchanged.

Dollar stocks were generally higher with the premium up ½ to 5/4 per cent.

British Government long-dated were strong with rises of ¼ or 5/16th.—United Press.

The New York Cotton Market

New York, Feb. 27.

Cotton futures today vigorously resumed the recent upswing, registering gains up to \$2 a bale as all new crop deliveries swept to season highs.

Closing at the day's best levels the list showed net gains of 18 to 43 points. Opening prices were up 5 to 22 points. New Orleans closed up 39 to 43 points.

NEW YORK

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot 38.45
May 39.45
July 39.77
Oct. 39.00<br

End Of Import Restrictions Of Sterling Notes Into UK

London, Feb. 28. The Treasury last night announced the end of all restrictions of the import to Britain of sterling in bank notes.

The restrictions end today and it will be the first time since the beginning of World War Two that travellers may carry into the United Kingdom as much sterling in banknotes as they wish.

In recent years the import quota for the British banknote has been £10 per person. No restrictions in neighbouring countries prevent the cancelling of the limit, the Treasury said.

Competent British quarters said the new move might produce some interesting results since a great amount of paper sterling is known to exist abroad and particularly on the European Continent. City circles hope that those abroad who have tucked notes away against an emergency will go on hoarding them.

The reason which had stopped the authorities taking this move before is that a large number of false notes were circulated by the Germans during the last war.—France Presse.

There was no change in the local rate this morning, which remained at \$10.60 per one pound sterling.

New Street

The Government Gazette announced today that the following thoroughfare will be known in future as described hereunder:

Kim Shin Lane—Commencing at its junction with Castle Peak Road about 100 feet north-east of Fuk Wah Street running in an easterly direction for approximately 570 feet and terminating at its junction with Cheung Wah Street.

No Objection To Appointment Of German Consul

London, Feb. 27. The British Government said today it saw no reason to object to the appointment of Dr Otto Brautigam as Consul-General of the Federal German Republic in Hongkong.

A Labour member, Mr Arthur Lewis, had asserted in the House of Commons that Dr Brautigam was a "high official" in the Nazi Government" and was "connected with the liquidation of Jews."

He was "tried at Nuremberg and suspended by the West German Foreign Office in 1956 for investigation into his wartime activities," he added.

Mr Lewis urged the British Government to tell the West German Government that Dr Brautigam was unacceptable to the British Government as German Consul in Hongkong.

Expelled

Mr Ian Harvey, Joint Foreign Under-Secretary, replied:

"The appointment of Dr Otto Brautigam as Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Hongkong was announced to the Foreign Secretary by the German Ambassador in January.

"Dr Brautigam joined the German Foreign Service in 1920.

He was also for a time a member of the Nazi Party, but I am informed that he was expelled from it.

"He was not tried as a war criminal. He rejoined the Foreign Service in 1953.

"In January, 1956, the German Government ordered an enquiry into accusations which had been published against Dr Brautigam's conduct during the war, and he was meanwhile suspended from all functions in the Foreign Ministry.

Incorrect

The enquiry concluded that the accusations against Dr Brautigam were incorrect, and that he had in fact done all he could to assist Jews and people persecuted by the Third Reich.

"The Foreign Secretary sees no reason to object to the appointment."—Reuter.

URBAN COUNCIL

Mr D. C. Readman has been appointed an Assistant Secretary to the Urban Council. It was notified in the Government Gazette today.

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WHEELOCK CASE IN CHAMBERS

The suit for \$960,000 damages against Wheelock Marden and Co., Ltd., which started on February 20 before Mr Justice C. W. Reecoo at the Supreme Court, was dealt with in Chambers this morning.

The plaintiff was Mr Alexander Kwong, trading as Roland and Co., of 22 Tung Tse Mu Road, first floor. He was represented by Mr Brook Bernacchi and Mr Richard Winter, instructed by Mr M. E. Yip of Peters Mo and Co., were represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr F. G. Nigel of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

DAMAGES CLAIM

In his action, plaintiff claimed damages in respect of the value of the motor vessel, Lady Wolmer, and general damages for the ship's alleged defective and conversion by the defendant company.

Wheelock Marden and Co., Ltd., denied the claim in their statement of defence, but maintained that should the claim be successful, the defendant firm was entitled to a set-off in respect of various items set out in a counter-claim which they filed to the extent of the amount claimed.

NO TROUBLE FOR RIL IN INDONESIA

Mr A. H. Veltman, Managing Director of Royal Interoccean Lines, who returned from a business trip to Indonesia yesterday, said this morning that Dutch shipping in Indonesia with the exception of KPM Royal Netherland Steam Packet Company's ships was quite normal.

The reason for this, he said, was due to a difference in trade. "Our trade is from abroad into Indonesia while theirs is between Indonesian ports."

From earlier reports Mr Veltman said he expected to see things "in a topsy-turvy condition." However, he added, as far as he could see life was quite normal and their ships received good dispatch from various ports.

MORE EFFICIENT

Cargo handling, Mr Veltman said, is more efficient than last year. Last year, he said, there was more labour unrest but at present the military have strict control of various ports and they set to it that these ports are well run.

The only thing he thought was affected was the cargo movement which was light both into and out of Indonesia. However, he said, this affects all shipping and not necessarily Dutch.

Asked if he considered there was still a menace to Dutch shipping in Indonesia, Mr Veltman said he had an interview with Commodore Natair, Minister of Shipping, and added, "If there were any doubts in my mind these doubts have now been removed."

EXEMPTION

The Government Gazette today announced the exemption of the following premises from the further application of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, subject to the stated conditions:

Nos. 192 and 194, Yu Chau Street, Kowloon.
No. 225 Nathan Road, Kowloon.
No. 10, Moque Street, Hong Kong.
Nos. 48 and 50, Johnston Road, Hongkong.
Nos. 1, 3 and 5, Pak Ho Street, and Nos. 50, 60, 62, and 64, Battery Street, Kowloon.
Nos. 355 and 357, Tiu Nan Street, Kowloon.

Efficiency Medal

Colour Sergeant G. S. Coyle, RHKRDF, has been appointed an honorary aide-de-camp to His Excellency the Governor, vice Lieutenant-Governor, David, HKRNRV. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Jim wants to come back from Wall Street and raise pigs—it's the same letter we get from him every spring!"

SINGER SUES SIX PAPERS FOR ALLEGED LIBEL

Six local newspapers, their proprietors, publishers, editors and printers were sued by a singer before Judge James Wicks at the Victoria District Court this morning for alleged libel.

AT THE UNIVERSITY

Last Night's Two Plays

By JOHN LUFT

As if arising out of all the wordy warfare that has characterised this past week's gossip, the Stage Club stepped forth, and flung into the teeth of we who attend to pronounce judgment on their plays, "Antigone" and "A Phoenix Too Frequent." For of this I am certain; any who attend to judge this play will find the play judging them, thus showing that he who haunts the theatre will find the theatre haunting him.

Both plays returned to the Greek theme, where our Western drama was established by the courageous kind of thinking in which the humans challenge the gods, a diabolical combat, and of the two playwrights, Christopher Fry cocks a snoot at the established "Olympian" doltics while Jean Anouilh underlines and in fact underwrites the premise that man, in knowing the penultimate will nevertheless die for the ultimate. It was so in ancient Thibet and is so in Eastern Europe.

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Farewell Party For Saville

The staff of the Post Office, Kowloon and New Territories will say farewell to their Postmaster General, Mr L. C. Saville, ED, and Mrs Saville, at a dinner party to be held at Princess Garden, Kowloon, tomorrow night.

Mr Saville, who arrived in the Colony in late 1947, will be leaving on retirement on March 14.

BOAC Cable Network

Increased facilities for BOAC in cable communications will come into effect tomorrow when the Corporation's comprehensive teleprinter system is extended from Hongkong to Japan. This extension is a further step towards the completion of a world-wide network of BOAC communications which now extends from London, to Tokyo, to Hongkong, to Sydney, Johannesburg, Lagos and San Francisco—with many intermediate points, such as Nairobi, New York and Singapore.

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